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Response to Office Action

**Remarks**

Claims 1-4, 7-11 and 14 are pending in this application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-4 and 7 are allowed.

Applicants have amended claim 8 by deleting the word "the" as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants believe that with this amendment, the claims now are in conformance with 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicants therefore believe that claims 1 and 8 (and their dependent claims) are now allowable.

**Conclusion**

Based on the above amendments, Applicants believe that claims 1-4, 7-11 and 14 are now in a condition for allowance and therefore respectfully request the Examiner to allow these claims.

This application is being filed within 3 months of the date of the office action and therefore it is believed that no fee is due. If however, that is incorrect, any fee due may be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2442.

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